

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-43 remain pending in the application.

Election/Restriction

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, in which pending claims 1-77 are characterized as being subcombinations distinct from each other if they are separately usable, directed to four patentably distinct species, and in which applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a species set forth in one of the following three groups of claims:

Group 1: Claims 1-43 were determined to be drawn to outputting a memory access command that is received by each device in a memory chain, classified in class 711, subclass 150.

Group 2: Claims 44-56 were determined to be drawn to recording a device identifier in a register, classified in class 711, subclass 109.

Group 3: Claims 57-75 were determined to be drawn to retrieving data from an array in response to an I/O interface, classified in class 710, subclass 5.

Group 4: Claims 76-77 were determined to be drawn to outputting a read command, delaying, then outputting a data-pickup command, classified in class 713, subclass 500.

In response, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 1, claims 1-43 without traverse.

Conclusion

If a telephone interview would be helpful in any way, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

A petition for a 1 month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account 501914 for any fee deficiency associated with this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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